Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Infection Prevention Professionals are devoted to patient and healthcare worker safety and are committed to reducing the risk and occurrence of healthcare-associated infections; and,

Whereas, The financial burden attributed to healthcare-associated infections is staggering and represents an estimated $28 billion to $33 billion in excess healthcare cost each year worldwide and $6.5 billion in the United States; and,

Whereas, The World Health Organization estimates that at any given time over 1.4 million people worldwide suffer from infectious complications acquired in hospitals; and,

Whereas, There is a need for ongoing education efforts to make the public aware of the importance of preventing healthcare-associated infections, thereby reducing the burden of human suffering and disease; and,

Whereas, The Department of Health's Healthcare-Associated Infections Program is working in concert with the private healthcare sector to reduce healthcare-associated infections in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, representing more than 14,000 Infection Prevention Professionals sponsors International Infection Prevention Week:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2013, as

INFECTION PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K Miller Deputy

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State